YOUNG KING COMICS
プラネットクイズ
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水上悟志
SATOSHI

I'LL GIVE YOU PROOF THAT YOU'RE ARROGANT.
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TELL ME WHY YOU GAVE ME INFORMATION ON NEBULA.
SHI-RAISHI-KUN...

HE WANTED US TO KNOW EACH OTHER WELL, TO LET YOU PREPARE,
AND THEN TO MAKE YOU ADMIT DEFEAT AFTER A FAIR FIGHT.
IT WAS... THE GENERAL-ISSIMO WANTED THINGS TO BE FAIR. HIS AESTHETICS DEMAND IT.
HE DIDN'T WANT THE EARTH TO FALL TO A SURPRISE ATTACK FROM NEBULA.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO STOP MARTIAL FORCE FROM TURNING INTO PURE VIOLENCE.
AND THAT'S THE PROOF OF YOUR ARROGANCE!
THE VERY IDEA MOCKS US!
TO BEGIN WITH, AESTHETICS HAVE NO PLACE IN MARTIAL CONFLICT!
WE'RE ENGAGED IN A CONFLICT TO FORCE THE OTHER TO OBEY, NOT A DISCUSSION OF WHOSE IDEOLOGY IS RIGHT AND WHOSE IS WRONG!
AND THIS EVIL POWER WE HAVE...
SPARK

...MUST BE CONTROLLED!
SPARK
GWAAAH!
AND THAT'S WHY...
WE CAME TO THIS PLANET!

NO! I WILL BE THE ONE TO CONTROL IT!
I'LL REMOVE ALL MARTIAL FORCE FROM THIS PLANET...
AND I WILL BE THE ONLY ONE WHO POSSESSES A FORCE THAT SURPASSES IT!
AND I...
...SHALL BE THE GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE! I SHALL RULE OVER EVERYTHING, AND STOP ALL CIVILIZATIONS EVERYWHERE FROM USING FORCE
AGAINST OTHERS!

...ME!
IT WILL BE...
I WILL MAKE THIS EXISTENCE A PARADISE, A PEACEFUL REALITY WITHOUT WAR!
I PROMISE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE!
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

KYAH!
W-WOOF!
GRR...

GAH! I'M SICK OF THIS!
LET ME SPEAK TO HIM DIRECTLY!

GENERAL-ISSIMO?
STAND FAST, SHIRAI-SHI!
USE THE SHIELD!

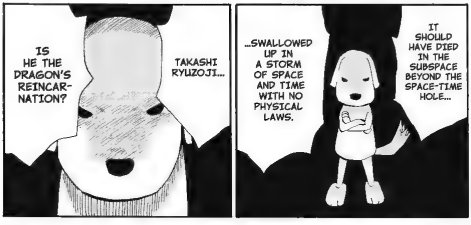
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
HE'S ABOUT TO DO IT AGAIN!
BUT IT'S STILL A PROTO-TYPE...
UNDER-STOOD!
DEPLOY-ING...
POP
SUPER-DIMEN-SIONAL
SHIELD!

THOR'S ...
HAM-
MER!
FLASH
FLASH
OH?
THE SUPER-DIMENSIONAL SHIELD DEFLECTS AN ATTACK INTO SUBSPACE, INFINITELY NULLIFYING IT.
BUT...!
THEO-RETICALLY, THE SHIELD IS INVIN-CIBLE.
SCREEECH

WHY...
...DOES THE ATTACK STILL FEEL SO POWERFUL?!
SHAAAKE
TAKASHI RYUZOJI...
BUT... WHO IS HE?
THE OTHER SEALING DEVICES THAT APPEARED AROUND THE WORLD WERE JUST SHADOWS, SENT TO DECEIVE. THE ONE THAT APPEARED IN HIS CITY WAS REAL.
THE STRONGEST PSYCHIC ON EARTH. THAT'S WHY WE WERE SO FOCUSED ON HIM.

HIS PSYCHIC WAVE-LENGTH IS THE SAME AS THE DRAGON'S.
IF THE WAVE-LENGTH WAS EXTREMELY SIMILAR, THAT WOULD BE ONE THING.
BUT ARE HIS OBSESSIVE IDEAS ABOUT FORCE AND JUSTICE THE SAME AS THE DRAGON'S?
THE DRAGON IS DEAD!
IT WAS A PART OF NEBULA'S FORCES.
ITS OWN SENSE OF JUSTICE COMPELLED IT TO DESTROY THE WARLIKE SIRIUSIAN RACE WITHOUT AUTHORI-ZATION...

AS WELL AS SEVENTY-SEVEN SEALING DEVICES WERE USED TO RESTRAIN ITS DESIRE TO RESIST, AND IT WAS THROWN IN A SPACE-TIME HOLE.
A THOUSAND OF NEBULA'S STRONGEST EMPATHS, INCLUDING SHIRAISHI,
SO IT WAS EXECUTED VIA SPACE-TIME BANISHMENT! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!
I SAW IT HAPPEN!

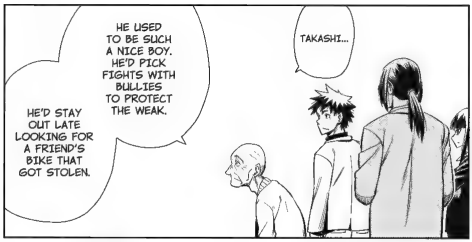

IS HE THE DRAGON'S REINCARNATION?
TAKASHI RYUZOJI...
...SWALLOWED UP IN A STORM OF SPACE AND TIME WITH NO PHYSICAL LAWS.
IT SHOULD HAVE DIED IN THE SUBSPACE BEYOND THE SPACE-TIME HOLE...

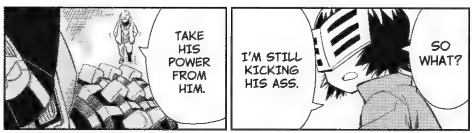
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

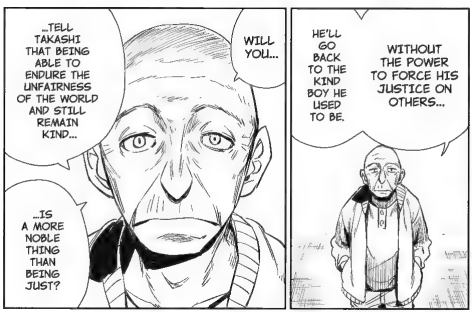
I'LL ATTACK DIRECTLY!
SO...
THAT'S A GOOD SHIELD.
PEW
BOOM
NWAH!
TCH...!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

MEOW!
THERE THEY ARE! THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN!
ONE OF THEM IS JUST BEATING ON THE OTHER!
THE BATTLE SEEMS... ONE-SIDED!
POP
JUST COME WITH US, SOYA-KUN.
HUH? WHY?
"LET'S GO BACK TO THE SPACESHIP FIRST," SENSEI SAID.
FINE. WHAT A PAIN...
TAKASHI RYUZOJI. THE LEADER OF EARTH'S FORCES.
TAKA-SHI?
WAIT!
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT TAKASHI?
YEAH. I'LL FIGHT HIM. AND I'LL WIN.


HE USED TO BE SUCH A NICE BOY. HE'D PICK FIGHTS WITH BULLIES TO PROTECT THE WEAK.
HE'D STAY OUT LATE LOOKING FOR A FRIEND'S BIKE THAT GOT STOLEN.
TAKASHI...


TAKE HIS POWER FROM HIM.
I'M STILL KICKING HIS ASS.
SO WHAT?


...TELL TAKASHI THAT BEING ABLE TO ENDURE THE UNFAIRNESS OF THE WORLD AND STILL REMAIN KIND...
...IS A MORE NOBLE THING THAN BEING JUST?
WILL YOU...
HE'LL GO BACK TO THE KIND BOY HE USED TO BE.
WITHOUT THE POWER TO FORCE HIS JUSTICE ON OTHERS...

BUT, WELL...
I DON'T LIKE PARENTS WHO TELL THEIR KIDS TO SUCK IT UP.
BOOM
I'LL TELL HIM IF I HAVE TIME.
SLAM

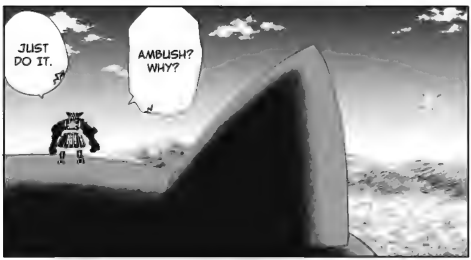
RIGHT, SENSEI!
!
MEOW!

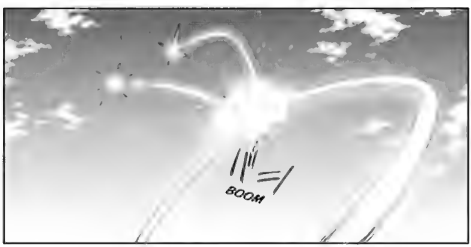
JUMP
HOP!
SOYA-KUN, MOVE TO THE RIGHT A LITTLE.

UWAH!
FLASH!
HI THERE!

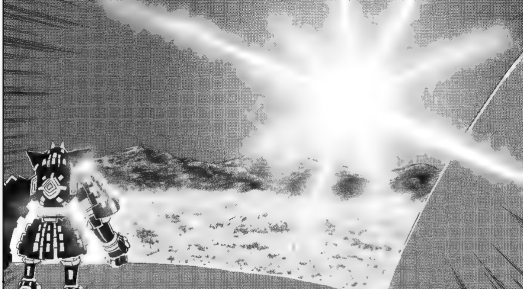
HUH? THIS THING HAS ROOM FOR TWO?
"WE'LL FIGHT WITH THE ENERGY OF TWO PEOPLE," SENSEI SAID.
MEOW!

MEOW
"WE'LL AMBUSH THEM HERE," SENSEI SAID.
RIGHT, RIGHT.
OKAY, BUT DON'T GET IN MY WAY, GINKO.
LET'S GO, SENSEI!

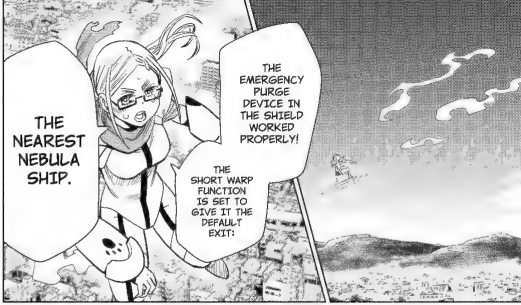

JUST DO IT.
AMBUSH? WHY?


BOOM

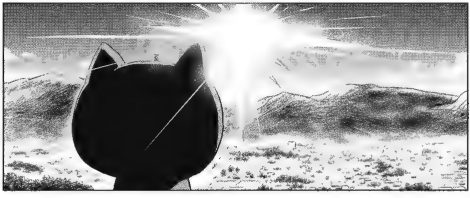
IT'S TIME TO END THIS.
NOW, SHIRAI-SHI!
YES, GENERAL-ISSIMO!
THROW



WHAT?!
FLASH


THE NEAREST NEBULA SHIP.
THE SHORT WARP FUNCTION IS SET TO GIVE IT THE DEFAULT EXIT:
THE EMERGENCY PURGE DEVICE IN THE SHIELD WORKED PROPERLY!

NOW WE LEAVE THE REST TO HIM.
GOOD.



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HUH? WHAT?
UGH!

UWAH! THERE IT IS!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
UWOOOAH!

BOOM
UWAAH?!

NO IDEA! UWWO-OOAH!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
SMASH

BOOM
BOOM
SOYA-KUN! THE TOWN!
IT'S BEEN EVACUATED! UWOARAH!
SLAM

GUH...
NWOOOAH!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
BLAST
HERE...

BOOM
...WE GO!
SMASH

GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
ROLL
ROLL
SMASH

BOOM
HEY! HE TURNED INTO A DRAGON!
IT DOESN'T MATTER!

NOW!
WE KEEP PUSHING HIM WITHOUT GIVING HIM TIME TO BREATHE!
AND TAKE HIM DOWN NOW!
TH-THAT'S MEAN!

KUHH!
NWOOAH!
FLASH
GYAH!

HAHH...
HAHH...
HAHH...
WH-WHAT? LIGHT-NING?

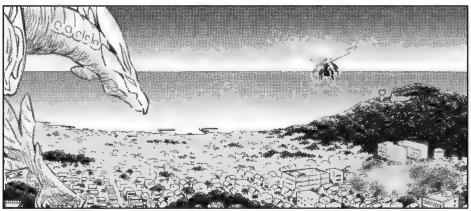
SPARK
SPARK
SPARK

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON NOW...
HAHH... HAH... DAMN IT! I DIDN'T GET HIM! I LET HIM USE THAT BEAM TO GET AWAY FROM ME!
HOW COULD HE PUSH ME THIS FAR IN JUST A SINGLE MOMENT?
TCH. WHAT HAP-PENED?

YOU MEAN THE GENERALISIMO OF THE SEALING FACTION?
SHUT UP. I'M FIGHTING AND YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME.
MEOW.
THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN HE IS, YOU SAY?
MEOW.
WHAT? THE SEALING FACTION MADE US HANDLE THEIR ENEMY, SENSEI?
OBSERVATION ROOM
NEBULA KIGURUMI SPACESHIP
THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN HE IS.
THEY CAN.
CAN THE PACIFISTS DEFEAT TAKASHI RYUZOJI?

TH-THE FIGHT CONTINUES! THE ALREADY-DAMAGED EVACUATION AREA IS TAKING MORE DAMAGE!

KUROI-KUN!



LOOKS LIKE I WAS TELEPORTED TOWARDS THE COASTAL AREA OF THE TOWN.
HE'S THE FIRST NEBULA SOLDIER? HE LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE...
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I WILL DESTROY ANYONE...
...WHO STANDS BEFORE ME!
NUUUHH!
UWOOAAH!
FLASH

FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH
FWOOH

HEH...
ABA BABA BA-

THUS, THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU!
SPARK
SPARK
SPARK
LISTEN, NEBULA!
I WILL BE RE-SPONSIBLE FOR THIS WORLD'S JUSTICE!

BEHOLD!
MY ULTIMATE ATTACK! THIS IS...
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...THE HAMMER OF TRUE JUSTICE!
SOYA-KUN, SENSEI SAYS TO GET OUT OF HERE!
MEOW!
THAT'S BAD, HE SAYS!

NO WAY!
MEOW!
NOT A CHANCE IN HELL!
FLASH!
FLASH!
ROAR
ROAR

SO YOU'RE COMING ?
HERE I COME!

ZEUS
...
...
KERAV-
NOS!
GIGA
CAT...
...
BLADE!

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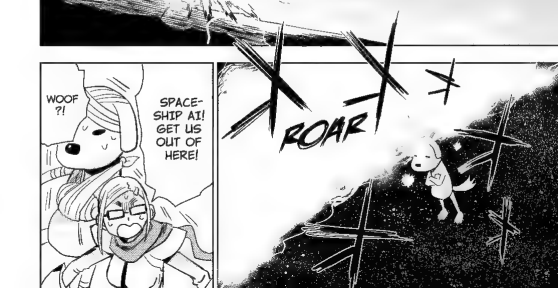

WOOF ?!
SPACE-SHIP AI! GET US OUT OF HERE!
ROAR

AAAAH!
HANG IN THERE, GINKO!
IF I DON'T POINT ALL MY ATTACKS UPWARD, I'LL FRY THIS WHOLE AREA!
MEOW!
HUH? Y-YEAH!
SENSEI, I'M SORRY!
IT HURTS, BUT HANG IN THERE!
PROTECT THIS CITY FROM THE DRAGON!
LIKE MY BRO-THER...

LIKE MY BROTHER TRIED TO DO!
I CAN DO IT, TOO!

MEOW...
FNNGGHH...
MEOW!
GUH... NNGH!

BOOM

BWAH!
PANT, PANT...
M-MEOW?
PANT,
PANT...
WHAT...
PANT, PANT...
WE'RE NOT DONE YET!
HUH?
STAY...
...FOCUSED!

BOOM

TCH!
BOOM
UWOOOOOAH!

BOOM
BOOM
SUPER ULTRA TIGER SLASH!
MY POWER IS DRAINED.
SNAAAP
SNAP
I HAVE TO PULL AWAY FROM THE LIGHT-NING.

BOOM
THUD

I CAN'T LOSE...

CRASH
CLAM
UWOOOAH!
ROLL
ROLL
DASH

FOR THE SAKE OF...

...JUS-TICE!

TAKE THIS!
MY HAMMER OF JUSTICE!
CLOG PUNCH!
THWAK

THWACK

...WORTH AS MUCH...

JUSTICE ISN'T EVEN...

PUSH

PUSH

PUSH

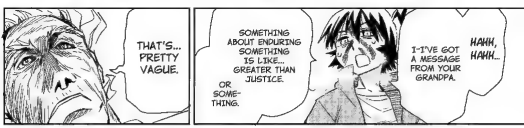
PUSH

PUSH

...AS A SINGLE CLOG!

BOOM

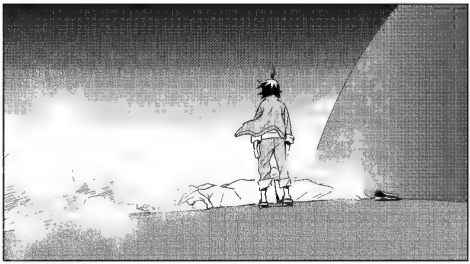
JUSTICE... YEAH...
IF I FALL, THEN JUSTICE...
IMPOS-SIBLE. IF I...
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH


THAT'S... PRETTY VAGUE.
SOMETHING ABOUT ENDURING SOMETHING IS LIKE... GREATER THAN JUSTICE. OR SOME-THING.
I-I'VE GOT A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRANDPA.
HAHH, HAHH...

HE SAID KINDNESS IS WHAT MATTERS MOST
YEAH...

MAYBE HE'S RIGHT.
HEH... HEHEH...
OLD MAN?
HELLO?
HOW'D YOU GET THE DRAGON'S POWER?
ANYWAY, I WON, OLD MAN.

B-BRO-
THER...?



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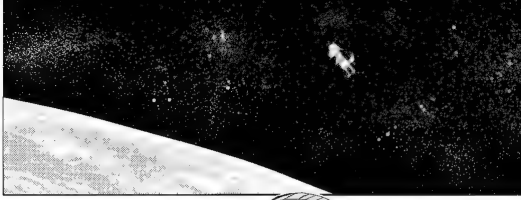
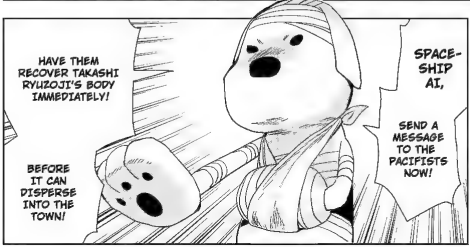
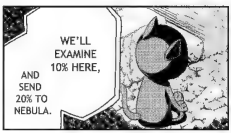


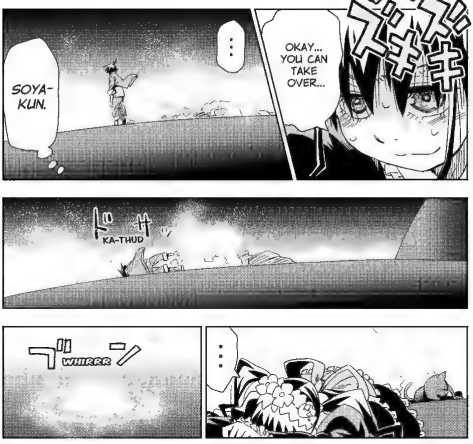

HAVE THEM RECOVER TAKASHI RYUZOJI'S BODY IMMEDIATELY!
BEFORE IT CAN DISPERSE INTO THE TOWN!
SPACE-SHIP AI,
SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PACIFISTS NOW!

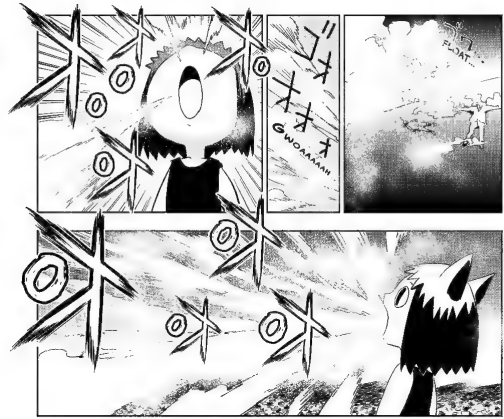

WE'LL EXAMINE 10% HERE,
AND SEND 20% TO NEBULA.

ALSO, DEMAND 30% OF THE RECOVERED BODY.

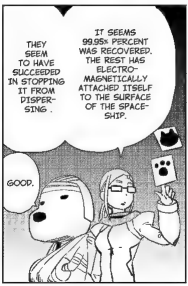
BEEP
UGH...
SPACESHIP AI... SEND OUT THE WORKER UNITS. PERMISSION GRANTED.

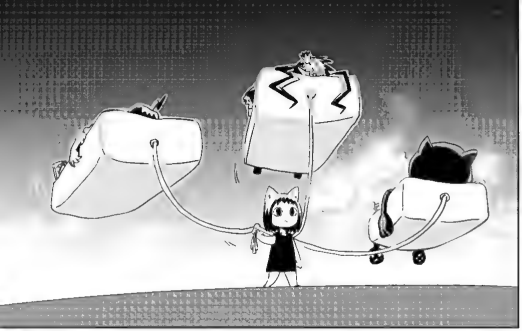
M-MEOW...
I-I'LL TELL THEM IT'S OKAY.
WHEW... INCOMING MESSAGE FROM THE SEALING FACTION.

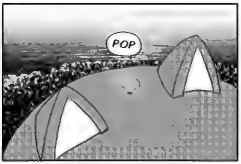

OUCH
OUCH
OKAY... YOU CAN TAKE OVER...
...
SOYA-KUN.
KA-THUD
WHIRRR
...
POP


ゴオオオ
GWOAAAAAH
FLOAT...

YES, GENERAL-ISSIMO. GOOD WORK.
NOW, LET'S LET THE AIS TAKE OVER AND REST.
(WORK)
CLICK
カチカチ
CLICK


IT SEEMS 99.95% PERCENT WAS RECOVERED. THE REST HAS ELECTRO-MAGNETICALLY ATTACHED ITSELF TO THE SURFACE OF THE SPACE-SHIP.
THEY SEEM TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING IT FROM DISPER-SING.
GOOD.

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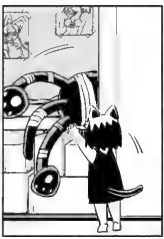

UM, WHY ARE YOU CHANGING MY CLOTHES HERE?
DID YOU DECIDE THAT THE LIVING ROOM IS WHERE I LIVE?
WELL, I GUESS I DO SPEND A LOT OF TIME HERE.

HUH?
FLASH
SHE-DISAP-PEARED?
BEEP
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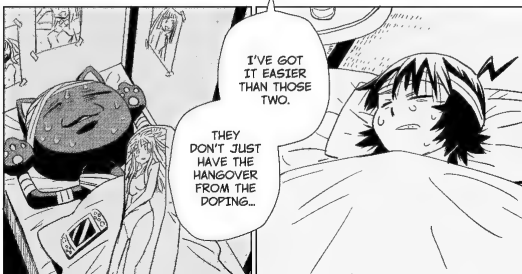
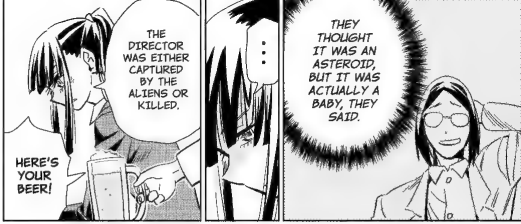
WELL...


I'VE GOT IT EASIER THAN THOSE TWO.
THEY DON'T JUST HAVE THE HANGOVER FROM THE DOPING...

CHICKEN WINGS, FISH, AND BEER FOR THE CUSTOMER IN COUNTER SEAT 1!
EXCUSE ME...
I'LL TAKE SOME CHICKEN WINGS AND FISH.
ALSO, A MUG OF BEER.
I'VE BEEN REALLY HUNGRY LATELY. IT'S KIND OF WEIRD.
HEY, THAT'S YOUR THIRD PLATE OF WINGS.
I DON'T KNOW. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE A PERSON EATING ENOUGH CALORIES TO MAKE THAT BIG FLASHY ARMOR.
YOU KNOW, THE OLD MAN ATE A LOT OF FOOD, TOO.
BECAUSE OF YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS, MAYBE?
THE DIREC-TOR...
WHERE DID HE GET THEM?
WHAT WAS IN THOSE VIALS, ANYWAY?
BOUUZZ
I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY MORE POWERS.
AND I RETURNED THE VIAL ALREADY.


THE DIRECTOR WAS EITHER CAPTURED BY THE ALIENS OR KILLED.
HERE'S YOUR BEER!
...
THEY THOUGHT IT WAS AN ASTEROID, BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY A BABY, THEY SAID.

WHEN THE NEXT NEBULA WEAPON SHOWS UP, THERE'LL BE NOBODY TO STOP IT.
DO WE HAVE TO JUST WAIT FOR THEM TO SEAL US?
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF GRAND PALADIN.

FROM NOW ON, THEY AND THE ALIENS WILL DECIDE OUR FATE WITHOUT ANY INPUT FROM US.
THOSE "PACIFIST" GUYS ARE STILL OUT THERE.

HEY, DON'T EAT THEM ALL BY YOURSELF.
EITHER WAY, I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
THEY'RE OUR OVER-LORDS, NOW.
AND WE GET NO SAY IN IT AT ALL.
CHOMP
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WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL ACCEPT IT.
EITHER WAY, I'VE QUIT.
IT'S UP TO SOMEBODY ELSE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO.
EVEN IF THE WORLD ENDS TOMORROW, I WANT TO DO SOMETHING...
...FOR THE DAY AFTER.

I GUESS TORAI DIDN'T HAVE ANY REAL INFO, WHICH MAKES SENSE.
IF ONLY I HAD SOME MORE OF AN IDEA OF WHERE THE OLD MAN WENT!
ANYWAY...

HE'S A BAD MAN.
HE'S GOT A WIFE, BUT HE'S FINE WITH GOING OUT DRINKING WITH ANOTHER WOMAN.
NO, MAYBE HE DOESN'T THINK ABOUT ME THAT WAY.

OH, GOOD EVENING.
FANCY SEEING YOU HERE, TAKA-TORI-SAN.

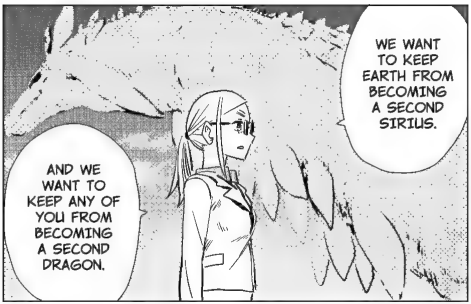
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
YOU WERE IN CITY HALL WHEN IT BLEW UP.
OH, MY... YOU'VE BEEN REUNITED WITH A LOST CO-WORKER AND YOU STILL REFUSE TO TAKE A SINGLE STEP TOWARDS ME.
BUT, WELL, YOUR GUESSES ARE CORRECT.

SHI-RAISHI-SAN?

...

NEBULA...
HUH?
CORRECT. DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHY YOU'RE SO HUNGRY?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE RESISTING THE ABILITIES THAT YOUR BODY HAS AWAKENED TO.
YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO RESIST YOUR NEWFOUND METAPHYSICAL POWERS BY EATING TO INCREASE YOUR PHYSICAL MASS.
IT'S A RARE CONDITION SEEN IN PEOPLE WHO SIMULTANEOUSLY AWAKEN TO TELEPATHY AND TELEKINESIS.

WHAT ARE YOU REALLY AFTER?
WHY ARE YOU MAKING ME AWARE OF THIS?
...AWAK-ENED POWERS?
MY...
YOU'RE CAUSING US TO AWAKEN TO POWERS WE DON'T NEED, SO YOU HAVE AN EXCUSE FOR AN INVASION.
OF COURSE.
HUH? OH, DO YOU THINK THIS WHOLE THING WAS A SETUP BY THE SEALING FACTION?
GOOD POINT...
YOU'D NEED ONE FOR WHEN YOU ATTEMPTED TO RULE OVER US AFTER THE WAR.
IF WE TRULY INTENDED AN INVASION, WE WOULDN'T NEED AN EXCUSE.
ENOUGH OF THIS.
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME A SECOND TAKASHI RYUZOJI?

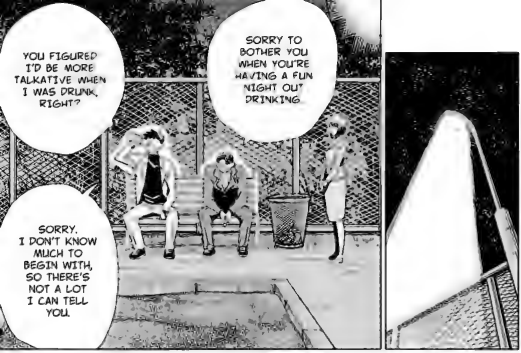

WE WANT TO KEEP EARTH FROM BECOMING A SECOND SIRIUS.
AND WE WANT TO KEEP ANY OF YOU FROM BECOMING A SECOND DRAGON.

WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT...
...IF WE TALKED FOR A WHILE?

AND THE REASON WE DON'T NEED AN EXCUSE IS THE SEALING DEVICES... OH, WHAT YOU CALL THE NEBULA WEAPONS.
THE REASON I TOLD YOU ABOUT YOUR POWERS IS BECAUSE YOU ACTUALLY KNOW YOU HAVE THEM, BUT YOU'RE REFUSING TO ACCEPT IT.
MANY, MANY PEOPLE GO OUT OF CONTROL WHEN THAT HAPPENS.
WITH THOSE THINGS, THERE'S NO REAL NEED FOR ANY POLITICS TO CONTROL YOU.

...

I THINK I'M A LOT WEAKER THAN YOU, TAKATORI-SAN.
I'M VERY WEAK, YOU SEE.
BUT I'M CALLING A BODY-GUARD.
FINE, I'LL LISTEN.
...
YOU'RE GOING TO TRY AND STOP A RAY GUN WITH HITSUJIYANI-SAN, OF ALL PEOPLE?
AND I ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE ONE.
YOSUKE, CAN YOU COME HERE?
YOU'VE GOT A RAY GUN AT LEAST, RIGHT? YOU'RE AN ALIEN.
EARTH-LINGS ARE TERRI-FYING.
YOU CAN USE YOSUKE TO STOP ME.
OKAY, SO IF MY PSYCHIC POWERS GO OUT OF CONTROL...


YOU FIGURED I'D BE MORE TALKATIVE WHEN I WAS DRUNK, RIGHT?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WHEN YOU'RE HAVING A FUN NIGHT OUT DRINKING.
SORRY. I DON'T KNOW MUCH TO BEGIN WITH, SO THERE'S NOT A LOT I CAN TELL YOU.

IN THE END, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LEARN ANYTHING EXCEPT FROM TAKASHI RYUZOJI AND KOGANE SHIRAISHI.
WELL... THAT WAS EXPECTED.
THE OLD MAN IS A LOT MORE GUARDED THAN HE LOOKS.

BUT... THERE ARE SOME CLERICAL STAFF, LIKE MYSELF
IT'S A JOKE OF AN ORGANIZATION. ALL IT HAS IN IT IS TAKASHI RYUZOJI'S GRAND PALADIN GROUP.
BY THE WAY, WHAT DOES THE CITIZEN'S SAFETY MANAGEMENT DIVISION DO, ANYWAY?

WE'LL PUT UP A LITTLE TENT FOR YOU GUYS AT THE BACK OF THE PARKING LOT!
BYE NOW, ACTING DIRECTOR!
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET A SPECIAL BONUS.
IF YOU LEARN SOMETHING, IT WOULD HELP ME OUT A LOT IF YOU TOLD ME IN SECRET.
MY REAL JOB IS TO INVESTIGATE ALIENS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

WELL, I GET A SALARY RAISE, AND IT'S BETTER THAN BEING UNEMPLOYED.
...
I GOT A PROMOTION IN AN EMPTY ORGANIZATION, HUH?

BUT I WONDER WHAT'LL COME FIRST, PAYDAY...
...OR THE NEXT NEBULA WEAPON

WE HAVE TWO OF THESE LEFT.
AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE THEM TAKATORI-SAN.
THAT'S A PRETTY NASTY THING TO DO...
WHY GIVE THEM TO EARTH-LINGS?
WOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE YOUR FATE DECIDED BY YOUR OVERLORDS?
THAT'S WHY I QUIT.
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU PEEPING TOMS.
THIS IS THE RAW MATERIAL OF THE SEALING DEVICE.
TAKATORI-SAN, HITSU-JITANI-SAN...

YOU'RE FREE TO USE, OR DESTROY, THE SEALING DEVICES.
YOU QUIT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO DENY YOUR POWER.
BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT IT TO GO OUT OF CONTROL, YOU MUST FACE IT.

ARE YOU THAT SERIOUS ABOUT GIVING THESE THINGS TO ME?
I'LL JUST SMASH THEM.
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO WANT TO DENY MY POWER, RIGHT?

AND ENTRUSTING SOMETHING TO SOMEONE MEANS OFFERING THEM RIGHTS AND GETTING ONLY RESPONSIBILITY IN RETURN.
ONLY BECAUSE YOU ADMIT THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR POWER.

THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO DECIDE AFTERWARD.
BUT BEFORE THAT,
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT SIRIUS AND THE DRAGON.

I'M BACK.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, SENSEI?
MEOW...
I SEE.
SOYA-KUN'S BEEN STUCK IN BED EVER SINCE THE BATTLE ENDED, TOO.
CHUCKLE
IS HE OKAY, I WONDER?
UGH...

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CHAPTER 21: "RIEL"

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TRYING TO STOP THE DRAGON.
YEAH.
I'M THE ONLY ONE CLOSE ENOUGH TO STOP HIM.
LISTEN TO ME. WHEN HE GOT WORD OF THE SIRUISIAN INVASION OF RIEL, THE DRAGON STARTED SCREAMING AND SAID,
"I'M GOING TO BRING DOWN JUSTICE ON THOSE WHO DO EVIL," AS HE FLEW OFF.
HE'S LOST CONTROL DUE TO HIS RIGHTEOUS ANGER.
HE WON'T BE LISTENING TO ANYTHING YOU SAY.
I SEE. THEN I'LL HAVE TO STOP HIM BY FORCE.
THE DRAGON HAS THE STRONGEST MARTIAL FORCE IN THE GALAXY. WHAT CAN YOU DO ALONE?
HE MAY DESTROY THE SIRUSIAN ARMY, NO, THE ENTIRE SIRUSIAN RACE.
AND IF THAT HAPPENS, HE'LL BE GIVEN THE DEATH PENALTY.
THIS IS THE FATE OF BOTH THE DRAGON AND THE SIRUSIAN RACE. ACCEPT THAT.

IT'S WHAT YOU TALK ABOUT AFTER YOU'VE DONE ALL THE THINGS YOU CAN DO
FATE IS JUST A RESULT.

THAT'S ALL.
I'M GOING TO DO THE THINGS THAT I CAN'T STOP MYSELF FROM DOING.

YOU'RE A STUBBORN MAN.

TELEPATH UNITS AND SEALING DEVICES, HURRY!
JUST DON'T DIE.
FINE. DO WHAT YOU WANT.
IF I CAN'T DO THAT, HOW CAN NEBULA RULE THE UNIVERSE UNDER THE BANNER OF SPECIES WHO CHOSE THE EVOLUTION OF LOVE?
I WANT TO SAVE BOTH THE DRAGON AND THE SIRUSIANS.

SPACE-SHIP AI
GET ME TO THE PLANET RIEL, FAST.
THE DRAGON WILL BE THERE.
HE'LL BE GOING TO WIPE OUT THE INVADING RIELIANS...
PLANET RIEL
THE RIELIANS JUST RUN. THEY DON'T EVEN FIGHT BACK.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS.
NO... I WAS JUST THINKING THAT THIS IS AN EASY JOB.
HEY!
THUD
WE FOUND A RIELIAN PRIN-CESS!
CATCH HER!

PANT
PANT
ROGER!
WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO! HURRY!

EVERY-BODY, GET BEHIND ME!
PANT, PANT... TH-THEY'RE COMING!

THUD
THUD
P-PRIN-CESS!

HAH!
HAH!

THUD
THUD
BAM
FLASH
BAM
WHAT?
H-HEY!
BUT IT WON'T LAST...
LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS SOME PSYCHO-KINETIC POWER.
TCH...
SMASH
RUMBLE

カ//ン
JUMP
THUD

SOME RIELIAN WEAPON?
WH- WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING?
MEOW!

PANT, PANT...
OUR POWERS AREN'T WORKING?
BAM
WHAT?
BAM
WHY? THE RIELIAN PRINCESS IS RIGHT THERE!
FLASH
ABORT THE MISSION! RETREAT IMMEDIATELY!
GO!
?!

EVERY MAJOR CITY ON OUR HOME PLANET OF SIRIUS IS REPORTING THEY'RE UNDER ATTACK BY THE DRAGON!
EVERY-BODY NEEDS TO MEET UP WITH THE MAIN UNIT, NOW!
WHAT?
FLASH
FLASH
THE DRAGON IS HEADED FOR SIRIUS, NOT RIEL?

UM, WHO ARE YOU?
THANK YOU FOR SAVING US.
I'M AFTER THE DRAGON, WHO IS ALSO WITH NEBULA.
I'M WITH NEBULA.
GOOD... RIEL IS SAVED.
IT WAS THE NEBULA DRAGON WHO DROVE AWAY THE SIRUSIAN ARMY.
THE UNIVERSAL GOVERNMENT FORMED BY RACES WHO CHOSE THE EVOLUTION OF LOVE...
OOOH... NEBULA?
I NEED TO STOP HIM.
THE DRAGON IS ATTACKING SIRUSIAN CIVILIANS.

PRIN-CESS! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WAIT!
TAKE ME WITH YOU!
LET ME STUDY UNDER YOU...
SO THAT SOMEDAY, RIEL CAN JOIN NEBULA!
PLEASE!
YES.
FINE. GET IN.
ARE YOU SURE? I'M GOING TO SAVE THE SIRUSIANS WHO ATTACKED YOUR HOME PLANET.

FLASH
SPACESHIP AI, YOU ARE PERMITTED TO USE CONSTRUCTION MODULES.
DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM 84!
BEEP
UM, ARE YOU LEAVING THE SPACESHIP HERE?
YEAH. ONCE IT LANDS, IT CAN'T MOVE FOR A WHILE.

SORRY, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THE HANG-OVER.
SO I NEED TO USE A BOOST TO GET THERE ON MY OWN.

IF YOU PASS THROUGH IT, YOU'LL REACH THE PLANET QUICKLY.
THERE'S A GATE THE SIRUSIAN ARMY USED NEARBY.
I DON'T MIND.

GOOD. WE CAN GET THERE BEFORE THE SIRUSIAN ARMY DOES.
NO RADAR SIGNALS IN THE VICINITY.
IS THAT THE GATE?

THAT'S SIRIUS!

UGH...
WHAT'S WRONG?
I... I CAN HEAR THE SCREAMS. FROM SIRIUS.
YOU'RE A TELE-PATH?
CLOSE THE DOOR OF YOUR MIND AND PROTECT YOURSELF.
THE SIRUSIANS ARE POWERFUL ENOUGH PSYCHICS THAT YOU CAN DETECT THEIR THOUGHTS EVEN AT THIS RAGE.
IT'S DANGEROUS TO ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE EXPOSED TO MILLIONS OF SUCH VOICES.
NO... I CAN USE THESE SCREAMS ...
...AS A CLUE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE DRAGON IS ATTACKING.
THAT'S DANGER-OUS!
YOU'LL BURN OUT YOUR NEURONS!
THERE!
THE CITY IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT PENINSULA ON THE EASTERN COAST!

THE CIVILIANS ARE FIGHTING TO PROTECT THEIR CITY.
NO...
AAH... AAA- AAH!

GOT IT! NOW PROTECT YOUR-SELF!
HAHH... HAHH...
OWW...
THERE!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

THE DRAGON!
IT'S SO HUGE!
BOOM
UGH... THE DRAGON!
DAMN IT! DAMN IT ALL!

BOOM
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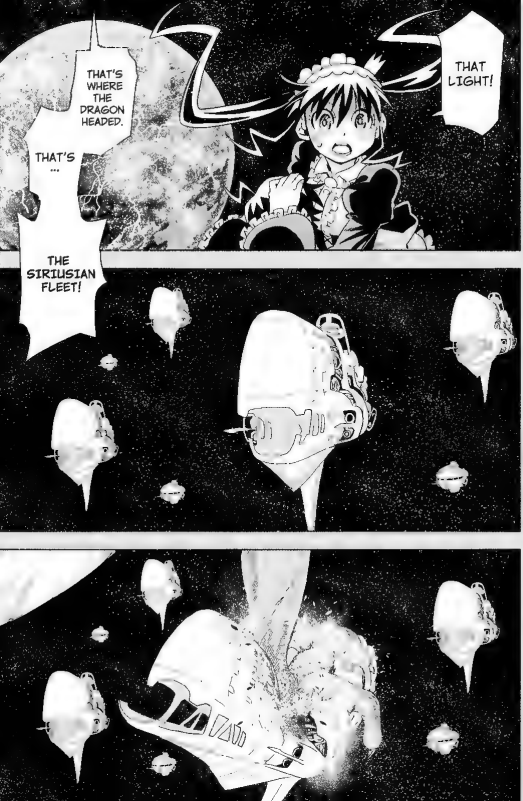
BOOM
WHA!?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

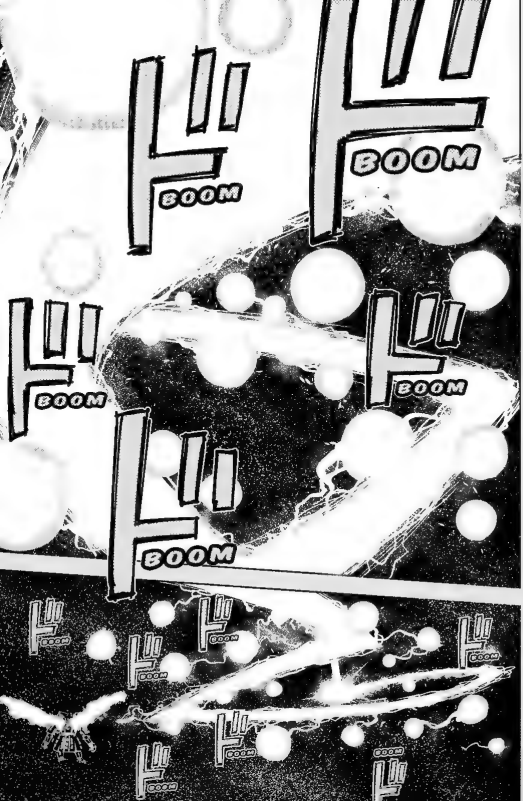
HOW COULD HE DO SUCH A THING?
THE CITY..!
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
!
LOOK!
!

I'LL SAVE HIM!
YAH!
THE CHILD IS STILL BREATHING.
HE'S IN SERIOUS DANGER, THOUGH.
BROOM
RIGHT!
TAKE CARE OF HIM.
WARP

THE WHOLE PLANET'S SURFACE IS...
I CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO PUT HIM DOWN.
IT'S NO GOOD.
I HAVE TO FOLLOW THE DRAGON!


THAT LIGHT!
THAT'S WHERE THE DRAGON HEADED.
THAT'S ...
THE SIRIUSIAN FLEET!

FLASH


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

OH NO...
HE EVEN
DESTROYED
SIRIUS'S
RETURNING
ARMY

DRAGON, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
ALL I DID WAS DESTROY AN EVIL RACE. MY DEEDS ARE RIGHTEOUS.
I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT I'D IMAGINGED YOU.
YOU'RE THE KIGURUMIAN I JUST PASSED.
AN EVIL RACE HAS NO "CIVILIANS."
YOU DESTROYED INNOCENT CIVILIANS!

BUT I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A SIRIUSIAN WITH YOU. GIVE HIM TO ME.
ALL OF THEM MUST DIE.

I'LL TAKE THE CHILD IN AND RAISE HIM.
AND HE SHALL BE MY PROOF.

PROOF OF WHAT?
PROOF?

PROOF THAT THERE IS LOVE WITHIN HIM AS WELL.

THAT EVEN SIRIUSIANS COULD HAVE BECOME A RACE OF THE EVOLUTION OF LOVE.

WHAT?
I'LL PROVE THAT YOUR "JUSTICE" KILLED A FUTURE RACE OF
THE EVOLUTION OF LOVE!

THAT IS THE TRUE EVIL!
DRAGON, NEVER KILL ANOTHER BEING AGAIN!
THAT IS NEBULA, THE RACE OF THE EVOLUTION OF LOVE!
FORGIVE THEM. ACCEPT THEM. WATCH OVER THEM.
ME?
THAT I AM A WICKED MURDER-ER?
SO YOU'RE SAYING... THAT I AM UNWORTHY OF NEBULA?
YOU TOOK INNOCENT LIVES THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS
LOOK. YOU DESTROYED THE TREES AND GRASS. EVEN THE BEASTS.
YES.

BROOM
BROOM
BROOM
BROOM
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO, DRAGON!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
BROOM
BROOM
THE CRIME OF WIPING OUT AN ENTIRE PLANET IS A SERIOUS ONE!

TELEPATH UNITS, LOWER THE DRAGON'S CONSCIOUS-NESS LEVEL!
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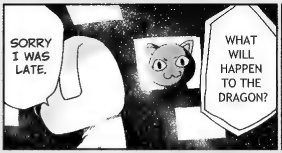
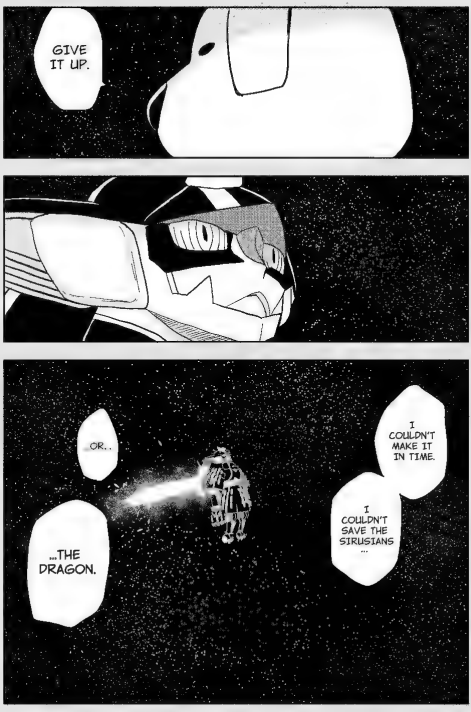
EVIL ...
I...
GRAH...


SORRY I WAS LATE.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DRAGON?

THERE WAS BARELY ANY RESIS-TANCE.

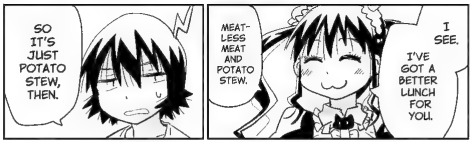
IF I CAN PROVE THAT EVEN SIRUSIANS HAVE LOVE, THE DRAGON WILL REPENT.
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

HE'LL BE THE FIRST IN NEBULA'S HISTORY TO BE EXECUTED.
I DON'T CARE. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DRAGON?


GIVE IT UP.
I COULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME.
I COULDN'T SAVE THE SIRUSIANS ...
OR..
...THE DRAGON.

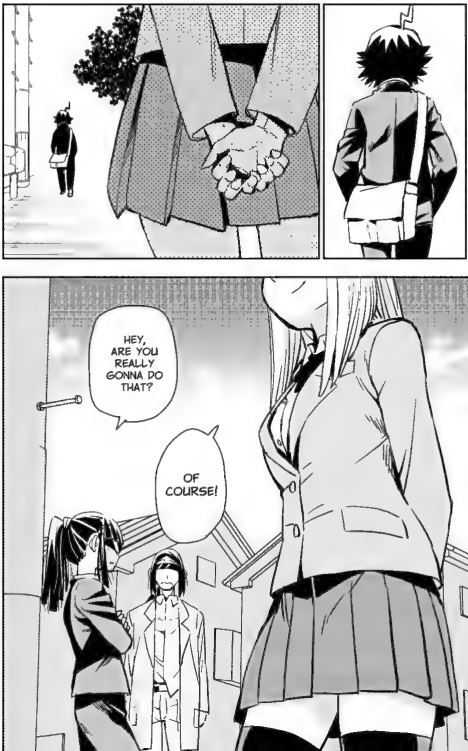
YOU SAVED US, AND THIS CHILD.
YOU ARE A TRUE HERO.
A DREAM...

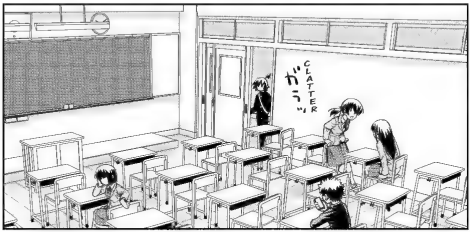
YEAH.
THINK YOU CAN GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?


SO IT'S JUST POTATO STEW, THEN.
MEAT-LESS MEAT AND POTATO STEW.
I SEE. I'VE GOT A BETTER LUNCH FOR YOU.

DO RIELIANS NOT EAT MEAT?
WAIT, YOU FINALLY ADMITTED THAT YOU'RE DELIBERATELY LEAVING OUT THE MEAT.
OH, I SEE.
IT'S GOT SHIRATAKI AND CARROTS AND ONIONS AND A SWEET SAUCE.
WE DON'T, NO.
IT'S REALLY GOOD.

HUH?
NOM
NOM
NOM
DID I REALLY...?
YEAH. I HEARD IT.
DID I TELL YOU I'M A RIELIAN?
HUH?
MEOW...
CLACK
CLATTER
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
I'M HEADING OUT.
GOOD MORNING, SENSEI.
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE WHO MADE YOU DO IT..."
MEOW?
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, SENSEI.
MEOW.


HEY, ARE YOU REALLY GONNA DO THAT?
OF COURSE!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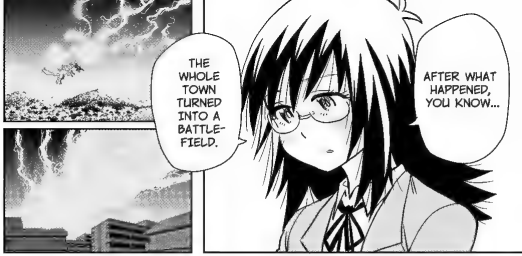
KUROI-KUN!
MOR-NING.
THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE.
THEY ALL MOVED WHILE YOU WERE STAYING HOME FROM SCHOOL.


THE WHOLE TOWN TURNED INTO A BATTLE-FIELD.
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW...

HUH?
I'M GLAD YOU'RE STILL HERE, THOUGH.
I SEE...

WE'RE GOING TO START CLASS.
PLEASE BE SEATED.
DONG
I WONDER IF THEY'RE GOING TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL.
I DON'T KNOW.

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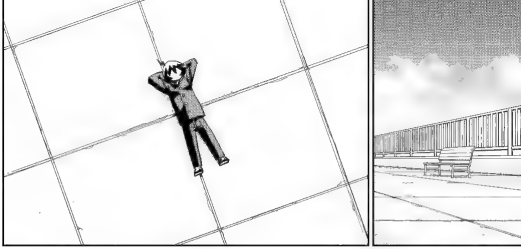
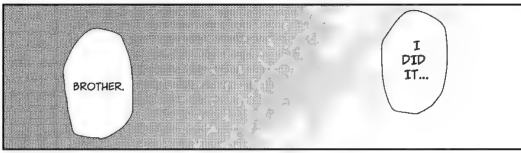


IT'S OVER.


I DID IT...
BROTHER.

WHAT WAS THAT GUY'S DEAL, ANYWAY?
SIGH...

DOES THAT MEAN...
...I KILLED HIM?
WHAT WAS THAT GUY'S DEAL, ANYWAY?
DO PEOPLE NORMALLY DIE LIKE THAT?
MAN, I'M NOT SURE...
I MEAN, SAND.
I THOUGHT I'D BE HAPPIER ABOUT IT.
SIGH...
STEP
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!!

HI THERE!
HUH?
WHOOSH
HI THERE!
FLAP

I'M SORRY! HELLO!
I...
FLIP
LAND
SLIDE
W-WAS IT?
EHE HE...
HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT? IT WAS SO COOL!
OH, WOW!
YOU PROMISED TO SHOW ME AROUND THE SCHOOL AFTER CLASS, RIGHT?
BY THE WAY, KUROI-KUN,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE?
THINK BACK...
REALLY?
REMEMBER ME.
NO, WE'VE NEVER MET BEFORE.
HUH? I DID?

I TRANS-FERRED INTO YOUR CLASS TODAY.
I'M KOGANE SHIRAISHI.

HUH?
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOT-TEN?
OH, SORRY.

SHI-RAI-SHI...

DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
WHERE'S THE GYM STORE-ROOM, I WON-DER?
HUH? IT'S IN THE GYM. WHY?

NO, IT'S FINE. LET'S GO!
Y-YEAH.

OH, KUROI-KUN, ARE YOU COMING TO...
CLACK
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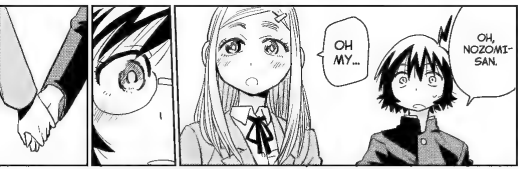
SQUEAK


OH MY...
OH, NOZOMI-SAN.

KUROI-KUN PROMISED TO GUIDE ME AROUND THE SCHOOL TODAY AFTER CLASS.
REMEMBER. I'M KOGANE SHIRAISHI, NOZOMI TAKAMAGAHARA.
UM...
KUROI-KUN...
WHO'S THAT?

HUH? WE DIDN'T GET ANY TRANSFER STUDENTS TODAY.
AND, UM...
YOU'RE WEARING OUR UNIFORM, BUT ARE YOU REALLY... A STUDENT?
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NOZO-SAN?
HUH? UM...
DOES IT MAYBE NOT WORK ON YOU?
DOES WHAT NOT WORK ON ME?
O-OH, RIGHT!
I HAVE TO RUN AN ERRAND FOR MY MOM! I FORGOT!
SEE YOU AROUND, KUROI-KUN!
DASH

SIGH...
HUH?
OH.
UWAH...
HEY, WHO WAS THAT?
K-KUROI-KUN, IS THAT YOUR TYPE?
HUH? NO...
WELL, SHE WAS PRETTY, BUT...
CUTE...
JUST A LITTLE.
WELL, SHE WAS CUTE...
HMPH.
...

COME ON, LET'S GO TO CLASS.
GRIP
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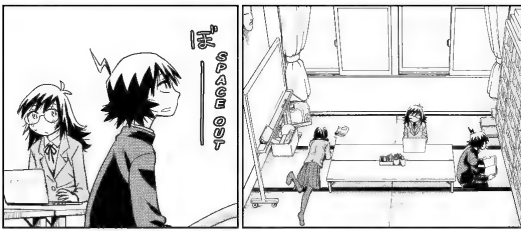
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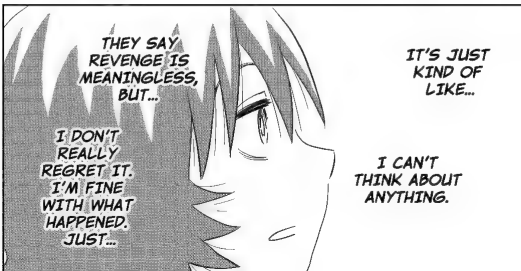
SPACE OUT


THEY SAY REVENGE IS MEANINGLESS, BUT...
I DON'T REALLY REGRET IT. I'M FINE WITH WHAT HAPPENED. JUST...
IT'S JUST KIND OF LIKE...
I CAN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING.

OH, SO I'M JUST BORED, THAT'S ALL.
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO.
AND NOW...
I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.
WHAT DO THEY THINK?
ACTUALLY, THEY WERE THE ONES WHO HAD ME FIGHT.
GINKO AND SENSEI REALLY DIDN'T TRY TO STOP ME FROM GETTING REVENGE.
BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THEY WERE JUST TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME.
AND THOSE GUYS WERE JUST USING HIS POWER...
THE DRAGON'S GONE NOW.
I DON'T THINK IT EVEN COUNTS AS VENGEANCE, ANYWAY.

WHAT WAS THE DRAGON'S POWER?
SPACE OUT
KUROI-KUN, YOU OKAY?
YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF IT ALL DAY.
HMM?
HMM...
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THAT GIRL? UM...
SHI-RAISHI-SAN?
NO, I'M NOT.
A LOT OF STUFF IS OVER, AND I'M JUST FEELING KIND OF EMPTY.

IS THAT BATTLE WITH THE ALIENS OVER?
AFTER ALL THOSE BIG FLASHES OF LIGHT IN THE SKY?
MAYBE...

I GUESS SO
YEAH...

HANG OUT?
UM, WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL AND HANG OUT?
I SEE...

PRO-
TECT-
ING?
NO, BUT
I DIDN'T
REALLY...
OR
A THANK
YOU FOR
PROTECTING
THE TOWN?
LIKE
AS A
CELEBRA-
TION
OH...
SEE YOU
LATER!
OKAY,
I'VE
GOTTA
GET
GOING!

HUH?
HEY.
BRO...
BUT YOUR BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET.
YOU LOOK DOWN.
...THER?
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M NOT REALLY YOUR BROTHER.
THAT'S HOW I LOOK TO YOU, HUH?

WHO ARE YOU?
WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE MY BROTHER?
YOU'RE THE DUDE I SAW WHEN I DEFEATED THAT OLD GUY.
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN ILLUSION OR SOME-THING.
PARA-DISE?
I DON'T GET IT.
BUT YOU NEED TO...
THIS FORM IS JUST HOW YOUR MIND PERCEIVES US.
WE'RE NOT PHYSICAL BEINGS, SO WE HAVE NO PHYSICAL FORM.
WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE.
THE OLDEST RACE IN THE UNIVERSE.

FLASH
STOP LOOKING LIKE MY DAMN BROTHER!

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SNAP
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SNAP

HUH?!

WHY SO SURPRISED? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT.
YOU'VE ALREADY AWAKENED TO YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS.
WHAT?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOUR HELP WITH. BUT I WON'T DO IT NOW.
WE'LL TALK SOME OTHER TIME.
WE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO TAKE THIS FORM IN YOUR EYES, BUT...
FARE-WELL.

HUH?
HEY!
WHERE DID YOU GO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER?

CRACKLE
STOP HIDING AND COME OUT!
CRACKLE
WHY WERE YOU THERE IN THAT MOMENT?

WHY MY BROTHER?
CRACKLE
HMM?
CRACKLE...
CRACKLE
AW, YOU FOUND US.
BZZT
TEE-HEE!
BZZT

SH-SHI-RAISHI-SAN?!
KUROI-KUN.
HELLO THERE...

I WONDER IF THIS IS A DATE.
HUH...
"WANT TO GO HANG OUT SOMEWHERE TOMORROW?"

OOPS, I MADE A WEIRD NOISE.
GWEH-HEH-FWEH!
NO, IT'S DEFINITELY A DATE.